

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please correct Fig. 1 on drawing sheet 1/6 as follows:

Reference numeral "68" should read "68b"

Reference numeral "65" should read "68a"

Please correct Fig. 2 on drawing sheet 2/6 as follows:

Reference numeral "68" should read "68b"

Reference numeral "65" should read "68a"

Reference numeral "7" has been added

Please correct Fig. 3 on drawing sheet 3/6 as follows:

Reference numeral "68" should read "68b"

Reference numeral "65" should read "68a"

Annotated sheets showing changes for drawing sheets 1/6, 2/6 and 3/6 are attached hereto. Clean REPLACEMENT SHEETS 1/6, 2/6 and 3/6 are also enclosed together with (unchanged) formal drawing sheets 4/6, 5/6 and 6/6.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment prior to the prosecution of the application.

This Preliminary Amendment puts the claims into proper form for examination. Note that claims 2-5 and 7-8 have been amended; new claims 9-16 have been added; and original claims 1 and 6 remain unchanged. Kindly calculate the filing fee based on the amended claims.

Additionally, this Amendment corrects errors in certain reference numerals in the specification and in Figs. 1-3 of the drawings. Replacement drawing sheets both in clean and marked-up versions are enclosed.

This Application contains a translation of the abstract as it was when originally filed by the Applicant. No account has been taken of any changes that may have been made subsequently by the PCT Authorities acting ex officio, e.g., under PCT Rules 37.2, 38.2, and/or 48.3.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter which would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fig. 1

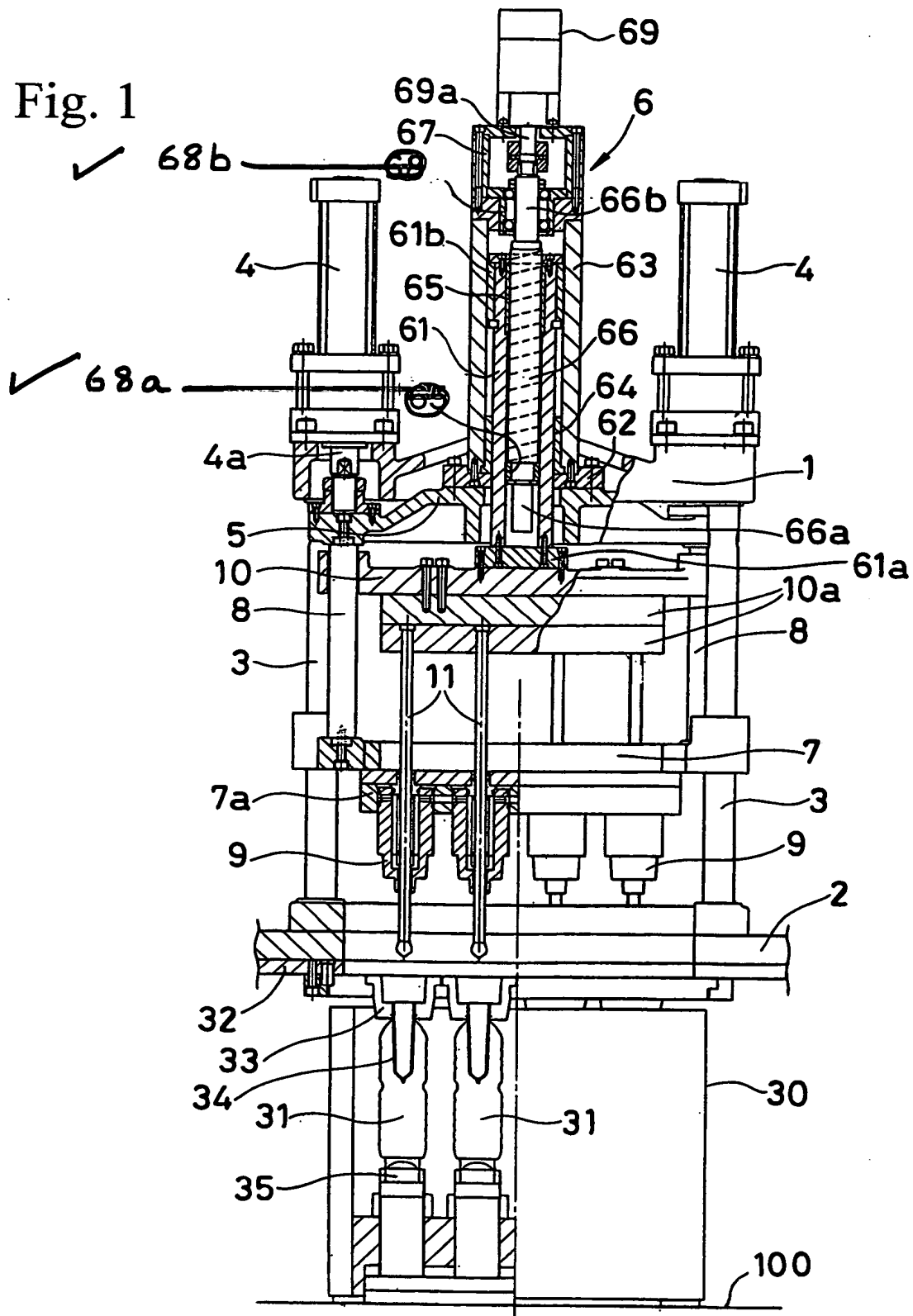
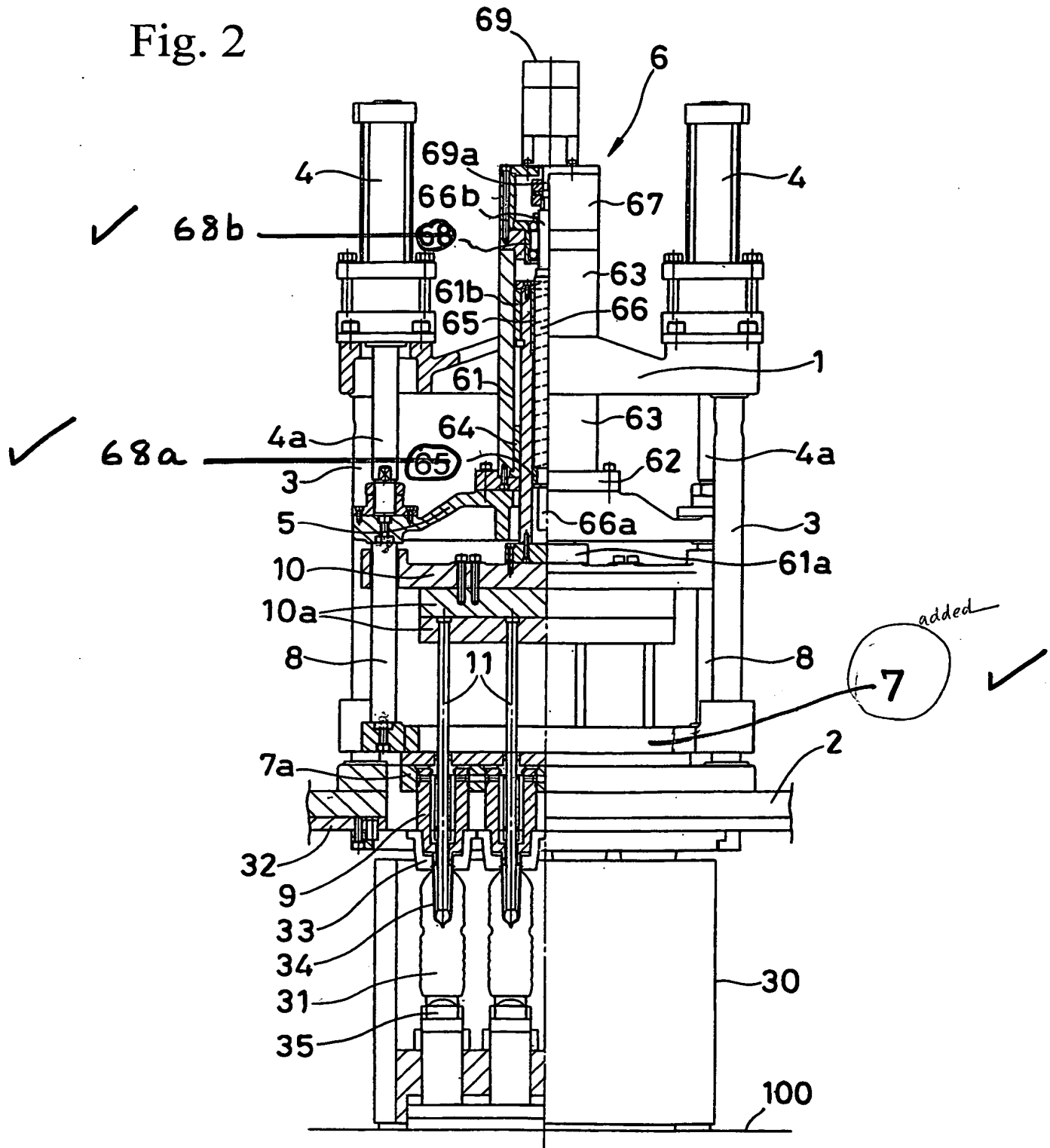


Fig. 2



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Fig. 3

